

Board of Trustee Workshop

April 14, 2011

The Board of Trustees for the Village of Cold Spring held a workshop meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 2011 beginning at 7:00 pm at the Village Hall, 85 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY.

Attending: Mayor Seth Gallagher, Trustees: Charles Hustis, III, J. Ralph Falloon and Airinhos Serradas, Trustee Bruce Campbell was absent.

Gardiner W. Cross, Engineering Geologist and Elizabeth "Liz" Lukowski, Engineering Geologist and Project Manager for DEC were the invited speakers for the cleanup of coal tar under the parking lot on the east side of the Boat Club at New Street. This underground contamination was the result of a Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) that was built on this site in the early 1900s used for the Foundry. Coal tar is an oily liquid the consistency of used motor oil.

Also present were Mark Patinella, Commodore of the Boat Club, Greg Phillips, Water Superintendent for the Village, members of the Comprehensive Board and Village residents.

Questions were asked regarding the Village's aging water and sewer lines, the possibility of contamination into the Hudson River, safety measures in removing the waste from the ground, removing the contaminated waste by barge instead of through the village and the possible removal of the Boat Club building.

Mr. Cross and Ms. Lukowski responded to each of these concerns.

- 1) Water lines: if the water lines break, it is unlikely that any contamination will enter the lines because the water lines are pressurized and will run out of the pipelines therefore not allowing any leakage to run into the lines.
- 2) The sewer lines, however, could possibly have some contamination enter into the lines because these lines are not under pressure. The contamination to the sewer plant would be minimal. In the last test results of the property, coal tar was not present under the street therefore it would not jeopardize the pipelines.
- 3) Hudson River: To date, there is no proof that the coal tar has found its way into the river. However, a predesign investigation will show if this is still the case.
- 4) Waste Removal: While removing the waste material from the site, if the space is large enough, a pressurized tent will be put up over the excavation site to secure that no fumes or debris escape from the site. If the area is too small to allow their equipment to work properly under this tent, then instead of the tent, they will spray foam on the waste material as it is brought to ground surface to keep the fumes or debris from escaping. The waste material is then loaded into trucks and covered again with tarps.
- 5) Barge removal: removing the waste materials by barge is not a viable process as the plants that take the materials are all inland and there is no efficient way to off-load the barges.

- 6) Boat Club: There were many questions regarding the Boat Club. Because it has been determined that the coal tar is on both the east and west side of the boat club, it is a natural assumption that there is also contamination UNDER the building. Again, there will be a predesign investigation to determine just how much coal tar is under the building and an assessment of removal of the building will be based on that. It was also suggested that because the removal of the Boat Club building will cause a substantial revenue loss for the club, perhaps it could be temporarily located at the former Dockside property now owned by the State. This will have to be researched.

Mayor Gallagher made a motion to adjourn the workshop meeting seconded by Trustee Falloon. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra L. Falloon